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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, CASC, ET

SUBJECT: TENNECO FIVE

REF: ASMARA 517

1. BOGAN INFORMED EMBASSY THAT TENNECO DOES NOT WISH REPLY TO MORGHANI AT PRESENT BECAUSE IT WISHES SEE WHETHER WEDERFORT IS RELEASED, BUT IT EXPECTS SEND HIM SOME REPLY IN SEVERAL DAYS. LATTER INFORMATION WAS PASSED CONGEN ASMARA 0930 JUNE 25.

2. SECURITY CHIEF SOLOMON KADIR CALLED EVENING JUNE 24 TO SAY THAT MORGHANI HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GOVGEN OF ERITREA. MORGHANI SAID HE HAD BROUGHT BACK NURSE AND NOW WANTED TO NEGOTIATE ON TENNECO 5. HE CLAIMED THAT ELF IS INTERESTED IN RANSOM RATHER THAN IN POLITICAL DEMANDS. COL. SOLOMON EXPRESSED VIEW THAT MORGHANI WOULD NOW BE BEST CHANNEL TO ELF. I POINTED OUT THAT THE OTHER GO-BETWEEN (ZEIN) HAD PROMISED UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF NURSE LONG BEFORE MORGHANI REENTERED PICTURE AND SAID I WOULD SHORTLY BE DISCUSSING WHOLE PROBLEM WITH FONMIN. SOLOMON WAS OBVIOUSLY IMPRESSED WITH MORGAN'S DENIAL OF POLITICAL DEMANDS AND IEG MAY NOW SHOW EVEN STRONGER TENDENCY THAN PREVIOUSLY TO USE MORGHANI RATHER THAN ZEIN CHANNEL.

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3. AMBASSADOR REYNOLDS ASKED THAT APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN BE REQUESTED FOR JUNE 25 SO THAT HE WOULD SURELY HAVE HIS INSTRUCTIONS AND THAT UNDP REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS WOULD BE ABLE JOIN US. APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED FOR 1800 JUNE 25.
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